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Quand la fiction devient science

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(Portion d'éternité: réalisé par Robert Favreau, présenté aux cinémas Crémazie et Centre-Ville)

Dans son article intitulé "Les neuromantiques" (Univers 1987, éd. J'ai lu, à la p. 256), où il étudie certaines des nouvelles tendances de la science-fiction contemporaine, le critique littéraire Norman Spinrad fait brièvement allusion à l'échange suivant, survenu à l'occasion d'une conférence de l'écrivain américain Greg Bear:

"Combien d'entre vous pensent-ils que les gens auront un aspect reconnaissable comme humain d'ici cinquante ans?", demanda-t-il au public.

Une multitude de mains se lèvent.

"Vous vous trompez tous." (p. 272).

Bien entendu, à l'heure actuelle, une telle affirmation relève toujours du domaine de la science-fiction, mais néanmoins, on ne peut s'empêcher de frissonner lorsque confronté à une oeuvre aussi forte que Portion d'éternité, ce récent film québécois qui met en évidence, de brillante façon, les nombreuses questions

d'ordre éthique et moral qui préoccupent actuellement les biologistes et les chercheurs scientifiques.

Privilégiant une approche qui oscille sans cesse entre le documentaire et la fiction, le réalisateur Robert Favreau nous livre ainsi un long métrage absolument saisissant, qui glace et fascine tout à la fois, preuve, s'il en est encore besoin, de l'insatiable curiosité de l'être humain, qui, alliée à une crainte innée d'aller trop loin, de "jouer à être Dieu", caractérise son esprit et sa démarche scientifiques.

L'univers que nous décrit Portion d'éternité est à la limite du connu pour la plupart d'entre nous, et cela n'en rend le propos que plus pressant, plus direct. L'éclairage blafard des couloirs d'hôpitaux, la pénombre des laboratoires privés, où tout se déroule dans le secret et le silence, sont autant d'éléments qui contribuent à la réussite de ce film.

L'économie des dialogues, qui ne laissent transparaître que l'essentiel des émotions ressenties par les principaux personnages, correspond tout à fait à cette froide réalité, où la pudeur et la

difficulté de communiquer avec autrui rendent si difficile l'expression des sentiments les plus profonds, ceux-là même qu'il vaudrait pourtant de partager. Cette retenue, ce lent et inévitable repli en soi-même que déclenche toute situation de crise, est rendu à merveille par le jeu des comédiens, dont le corps et le regard révèlent progressivement ce désarroi qui les envahit, et que seul libéreraient cet ultime choix qu'ils refuseront pourtant de faire.

Mais, plus que l'exposition d'un simple drame personnel, Portion d'éternité pose certaines questions fondamentales, à la base même de cette "humanité" que nous faisons nôtre et dont nous cherchons

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vin et fromage - Legal Aid Clinic

Clinic volunteers,
directors, lawyers and
faculty members.
Mercredi le 11 octobre,
17h00, Common Room.
Informal.

Information Session: Graduate Studies / Court Clerkships

On Wednesday, October 11
at 5 p.m. in Room 202,
there will be an
information session for
students interested in
graduate studies in law or
court clerkships. If you
would like to find out
about the opportunities
(and funding) available,
come along. All students
welcome to attend.

Please note that the
meeting will be held in
Room 202, not in the
Common Room as was
announced last week.

PLACEMENT OFFICE Job Opportunities

Merchant Burnett of

Regina is interested in
students who are from
Saskatchewan or took
their undergraduate
degree in Saskatchewan.
See Prof. Jutras.

Davis & Company of
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summer service
scholarships to students
studying outside B.C. who
intend to article and
practice law in British
Columbia. See Prof.
Jutras.

The **Supreme Court of
Nova Scotia, Appeal
Division**, is looking for
law clerks to begin in May
1990 and in May 1991.
Deadline for applications
is December 1st, 1989.
See Prof. Jutras.

1990 Summer Clerkships in Australia

The Canadian Law
Institute of the Pacific
Rim has established a
program under which a
limited number of
Canadian law students can
work in law firms around
Australia for the summer.
Students selected by the

Australian firms will
receive return airfare and
approximately \$200
weekly to cover living
expenses. The period of
employment can vary but
the remuneration is
usually not sufficient to
provide an opportunity to
save money.

The Australian law firms
generally accept students
in the top ten percent of
their class. Hence,
students with excellent
academic records are
encouraged to apply.

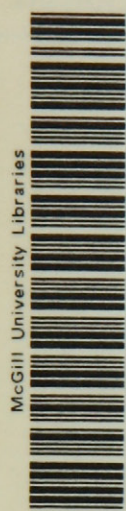
Interested students must
provide Associate Dean
Boodman with a C.V. and
transcript on or before
October 16, 1989.

Successful applicants
will be advised of their
acceptance by an
Australian law firm in
February 1990.

Human Rights Forum Lecture

Professor Irina
Bogdanovskaya of the
Soviet Union will be giving
a lecture on: "Human

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Canada: The Willing Accomplice

This is the third of four installments dealing with Canada's complicity in the near-genocidal invasion, occupation and annexation of East Timor by Indonesia. The first two installments dealt with the massive abuses being committed by Indonesia's military in both Indonesia and East Timor. This installment will detail the motivations and extent of Canada's complicity in these abuses.

Canada's strong relations with Indonesia tell us a great deal about the way our foreign policy is formulated. Essentially, the record indicates that, depending on the extent of our economic interest in a state which commits human rights abuses, Canada will either support or denounce such abuses. As Canada runs a healthy trade surplus with Indonesia, and Canadian corporations have significant investments there, Canadian support for Indonesian atrocities has followed.

The Canadian government has invested more than one billion dollars in Indonesia in the form of export development credits, tax credits, and direct subsidies to Canadian corporations. (The bulk of this investment has gone to the construction of INCO's huge mining and smelting complex on the island of Sulawesi. Other large investors include Bata and Alcan.) Over 150 Canadian companies operate in Indonesia in manufacturing, mining, importing, and consulting. (At least 10 companies are involved in weapons production.) These foreign investors are attracted to Indonesia's cheap and plentiful resources, low-wage labour, protected markets, free profit and capital repatriation, etc.

Canada sells about five times more goods to Indonesia than it imports. While the US is still our main trading partner by a huge margin, in the 1980s Asia passed Europe to become our next largest trading partner. Our growing economic stake in Asia is part of a large growth of Western involvement in the Pacific Rim

Area. Silence and support over East Timor is a mere byproduct of a much larger Asian picture.

Indonesia is able to purchase large amounts from Canada in part because we send significant aid to Indonesia. (Canada ranks highly among member countries of the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia ("IGGI"), a consortium of advanced countries that coordinate funding - aid, loans, etc. - to Indonesia's economy. The IGGI annually guarantees 2 to 3 billion dollars in credit to Suharto's government.) In 1975, within weeks of Indonesia's invasion of East Timor, Canada signed a 200 million dollar mixed aid and loan agreement with Indonesia. In 1985, Canada gave Indonesia 23 million dollars in aid, making Indonesia one of the largest non-commonwealth recipients of our aid. And, in the period 1987 to 1991 bilateral aid is expected to reach \$450 million.

Canadian aid is intimately linked to Canadian business. Federal regulations demand that a significant percentage of Canadian International Development Agency ("CIDA") aid projects must be in the form of Canadian goods and services. (75 percent of Canada's official development assistance is administered by CIDA.) Hence, most of CIDA's dollars never actually leave Canada, but are funnelled to Canadian businesses to pay for goods used in the Third World. Essentially, this aid can be seen as a massive subsidy for Canadian business paid for by tax dollars. (The final irony is that most aid projects actually harm the interests of the Third World poor, by aggravating the power imbalance between such poor and their elites.) While Canada's aid-giving could provide us with leverage over the image-conscious Indonesian government, Indonesia's economic potential has militated against withholding aid on a human rights basis.

Even on a solely pragmatic level it could

be argued that Western (primarily US) leaders should have learned from Cuba, Vietnam, Iran, Nicaragua, etc., that aid should be used to induce respect for human rights so that a climate for long-term commercial and strategic interests can be secured. Rather than installing and/or supporting human right-abusing dictators, or forcing truly nationalist leaders into the arms of the East Bloc (through economic and arms boycotts, support for "contra-like" groups, etc.), the US should reconsider a foreign policy which constantly becomes choked within its own contradictions. (We can easily recognize that Soviet policy has ensured the strength of the church in Poland and the desirability of capitalism throughout the East Bloc. Yet, many in the West cannot perceive that US foreign policy creates left-revolutions in much of the Third World.)

It is truly ironic that the linkage of development assistance to human rights performance - Canada's ostensible policy - was first apparent with Indonesia in the 1960s. In response to Sukarno's confrontation with Malaysia, Canadian food aid was terminated for a two-year period and no new capital projects or commodity shipments occurred in 1965/66, as Indonesia was violating its neighbour's territorial sovereignty and its neighbour's inhabitants right to self-determination. However, Canada adopted this principled stand since the economic costs were low. Due to Sukarno's dismal management over the economy - the economy was very weak mainly due to the colonial experience - the West was not very involved in commercial relations with Indonesia. This situation changed dramatically with the 1965 coup and Indonesia's reorientation towards the West. Hence, since the coup, while Indonesia's human rights record has deteriorated Canada's prior linkage ended.

(Next week - the fourth and final installment.)

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Rights and Law Reform in the Soviet Union," October 12 at 12:00 in Room 202. Co-sponsored by the Institute of Comparative Law and Inter Amicus.

Forum National

Forum National is pleased to announce that Mr. William Johnson, Political Columnist of the Montreal Gazette will speak on "Post-Election Quebec: The Next Five Years," on Wednesday, October 25th at 12:00 in Room 202.

Notice to the Forum National Committee: a meeting will be held Friday, October 13 at 1:00 in the Moot Court.

Conference

The Canadian Council on International Law will hold its annual conference in Ottawa from October 19-21. This year's theme: "Preserving the Global Environment". For a look at the program and information on registration, see the LSR bulletin board in the lower corridor.

Sports Committee Meeting

There will be a Sports Committee meeting Wednesday, October 12 at 12:00. All members and persons interested (including 1st year students) are requested!

Lost

Grey Cross pen of great sentimental value to owner, in the library on Wednesday, September 27. If found, please contact Randall Berker (842-5460) or return pen to S.A.O.

Law Journal

Volume 34 number 2 of the McGill Law Journal is now available at Sadie's. As well, number 1 of the same volume is still available for students who have not yet picked up their copies. Any back issues may be requested at the Journal office (Room 204 NCDH). Please note that volume 34 is free only to those students who were registered in the faculty last year. First year students will receive volume 35 when it is published later in the year.

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KEEPING AN EYE ON MOSCOW

y Brian Shiller, LLB IV

Closed Borders In The Era Of Reform?

EVERYONE SHALL BE FREE
TO LEAVE ANY COUNTRY,
INCLUDING HIS OWN

- ARTICLE 12(2) OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENANT ON
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

The USSR has taken numerous steps over the past two years to signal its desire to adhere to international standards on human rights. Most notably, the USSR signed the Vienna document in January of this year which requires that the USSR adjust its domestic legislation to conform with international legal norms. One particular area of concern is emigration - particularly to the West. This area of international law is very interesting given the events which have transpired in East Germany over the past few months.

The democratization of the USSR requires that it allow its citizens freedom of movement. International law is quite clear on the issue. Any person has the right to leave or return to his or her country whenever he or she wishes. Such rights are guaranteed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Helsinki Accords and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

While it is true that the USSR does have a renewed enthusiasm for foreign affairs, it is important to remember that the Soviets are shrewd when it comes to dealing with the West on human rights issues. One recent Soviet editorial comments that delegates at international conferences send coded messages to Moscow suggesting that a given individual should be released from prison or issued an exit visa to demonstrate good faith at the bargaining table. Perhaps one solution is to have the USSR go beyond treating "dissidents" or "refuseniks" as pawns in a foreign policy chess game. As one Soviet writer points

out: "We can't sell machines and hardware yet, so we are trading dissidents."

When a Soviet citizen applies to leave the USSR, either on a temporary or permanent basis, he or she is immediately branded an enemy of the State - "once an emigrant, always a traitor." The Soviets regard the desire to leave the USSR as treason. Historically, the desire to emigrate has been met with repression. When a citizen applies for an exit visa, life becomes difficult; the State treats these people as outcasts.

The Vienna document states unequivocally that national security is the sole permissible restraint upon the right to emigrate. It states further that only "classified information of national importance" can constitute grounds for preventing a person from leaving. In such a case, the applicant must wait a specified period of time before receiving permission to leave. By signing this document, the Soviets appear to be relinquishing their right to define broadly what constitutes a national security interest.

Under present Soviet law, a citizen is not permitted to leave the USSR if he or she is privy to state secrets "until the circumstances which prevent exit have become ineffective." Additionally, an exit visa will be refused if the applicant's leaving "would affect significant rights and legitimate interests of other citizens of the USSR", "if he has unfulfilled duties towards the state... until such duties are fulfilled (for example, relatives who rely on the applicant financially), or finally, if the applicant is a known or alleged criminal. The greatest source of discontent on the issue, however, is the requirement of an invitation from a relative in the country to which the applicant intends to emigrate.

Colonel Rudolpf Kuznetsov, the head of the Department of Visas and Registration attached to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the USSR recently stated that in the future the invitation will be

acceptable from persons other than relatives. This change, however, does not go far enough. There is no mention of an invitation requirement in any international agreement. Such a requirement serves as a stumbling block to many persons who wish to emigrate. What happens if you do not have a relative living abroad? What is the purpose of such a requirement? Moreover, why does the proposed change in the law still require such an invitation? In fact, contrary to Soviet emigration policies, the Helsinki Accords calls on the participating states to approach the reunification of families, and emigration generally, "in a positive and humanitarian spirit".

On the other hand, the USSR has simplified the procedure for issuing foreign passports. Soviet citizens are now permitted to travel abroad as many times a year as they wish. Such trips are restricted to a period of three months. There are no visa requirements for persons wishing to visit other socialist countries. Additionally, in the first four months of 1989, 57,000 Soviets were granted visas to emigrate to the West while only 191 were refused.

While some improvements have been made, the present state of the law concerning the right to leave does not conform with international law. The restructuring of the USSR under glasnost and perestroika must have a profound effect on this situation in the years to come if the democratization of the USSR is to be complete. The problem is that the Soviets must be concerned simultaneously with legislative reform and raising the standard of living (to reduce the desire to leave).

During the past two months, we have seen East German citizens enter West German embassies all over Eastern Europe and refuse to leave in hope of being permitted to emigrate to the West. These events send a chilling signal to Moscow to the extent that if the Soviets were to open their borders today it is

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toujours à percer le mystère. Jusqu'à quel point la recherche de la vérité est-elle justifiable comme fin en soi, et, plus important encore, à quel moment la recherche scientifique doit-elle céder le pas aux exigences de la nature? Voilà les interrogations profondes qui sous-tendent cette oeuvre complexe.

Ainsi, le scientifique qui entrecroise et manipule les cellules est-il plus coupable que le photographe qui fausse la réalité en reconstituant à sa guise des instants figés en image? Une des séquences les plus belles du film est sans conteste celle où l'on voit le personnage de Marc Messier affalé devant cette fascinante murale où sa femme devient l'amante du médecin pour former un espèce de couple mythique, géniteurs d'une nouvelle race ou d'un nouveau monde, alors que lui-même se voit dériver lentement, coulant peu à peu hors du portrait.

De même, les dernières scènes sont d'une beauté et d'une gravité à couper le souffle, alors que se découvre à nous cette tente plastifiée, à la fois poumon et matrice de laquelle émergera un nouvel ordre social, produit cette fois du seul être humain. La justesse de ton de Patricia Nolin et de Paul Savoie, deux excellents acteurs de théâtre qui "explosent" ici dans des rôles taillés à la mesure de leur talent, confèrent à ces instants une solennité qui émeut et envoûte le spectateur, aspiré dans un gouffre infini, "éternel" d'où l'on ne sort jamais plus tout à fait. La décision du scientifique, dans ce contexte, revêt une poignance toute particulière qui symbolise ce respect et cette crainte qu'a toujours manifesté l'être humain envers tout ce qui peut avoir un quelconque aspect de

"sur-humanité" ou de "divinité".

Quand commence la vie, quand finit-elle, et, plus fondamentalement encore, qu'est-ce même que cette vie autour de laquelle s'articulent de si nombreuses religions et philosophies? Robert Favreau, en abordant de tels thèmes, évite de proposer des réponses toutes faites, et pose plutôt un regard froid et objectif sur l'ensemble de l'entreprise, refusant de condamner une approche plutôt que l'autre, pour finalement conclure en disant, par l'entremise de la voix hésitante du chercheur, que la capacité de reproduire la vie, et même de la créer, n'entraîne pas comme conséquence inévitable la compréhension de la nature de cette vie que nous manipulons de plus en plus facilement. En bout de ligne, c'est cette absence de jugement moral qui transforme un très bon film en un grand film, mais qui, paradoxalement, laisse cette impression trouble au spectateur, pour une rare fois obligé de répondre par lui-même à des questions que ne satisfont vraiment aucune des réponses suggérées.

Portion d'éternité, un film émouvant, qui porte à réflexion et qui mérite que l'on s'y arrête d'ailleurs plus longuement qu'ici, pour en saisir toutes les nuances. A voir.

**Best wishes for
your birthday
Darcy !!!**

**With hugs and kisses
from the editorial
board.**

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LSA Bookstore

Attention!!!

Je dois retourner les
livres suivants le 20
octobre 1989:

- L'Administration de la Preuve,
- Précis de la Preuve,
- Recueil Collectif - Principaux Arrêts en Preuve Civile,
- Recueil Collectif - Principaux Arrêts en Assurance,
- Codes Civils - Judico, Crépeau, Feuilles Mobiles,
- Lois Fédérale et Provinciale des Compagnies (Judico),
- Income Tax Act, 18th ed.

If you need to purchase any
of these books, please do
it before October 20th.

Strapped for cash?

Want to unload some
furniture? The Facilities
Committee is seeking to
beautify our Faculty by re-
doing the Smoker's study
and TV lounge. We would
welcome all sorts of
furnishings, animate or
inanimate (i.e. sofas,
chairs, lamps, tables,
giraffes, etc.)

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Les matins infidèles

Maryse Beaulieu

Petit film où l'on risque la surprise, parce qu'un film d'auteur. Pas une valeur sûre, mais peut-être un cinéaste à suivre, en devenir. Parce qu'il y a encore des gens qui font du cinéma par vocation.

Un photographe et un écrivain ayant un projet commun, propos alléchant, l'amitié entre gars. Un film aussi où l'on peut potentiellement se reconnaître parce que nos mots, notre ville, nos snack-bars, des gens comme on en voit partout, visages anonymes qui ne prennent pas souvent la parole.

Mes espérances ont été déçues. Après les oeuvres marquantes qu'ont réalisé Arcand, Lauzon et j'en passe (la

nomenclature serait trop longue) nos attentes ont grandi. Preuve incontestable que le cinéma d'ici a mûri et s'ouvre maintenant sur le monde, rien de moins. Bien sûr, l'on peut être québécois et universel - il est passé le temps où ces thèses s'affrontaient rageusement.

Ce film nous ramène aux limites de ce débat. Époque pas si lointaine où l'expression de notre culture se résumait à ceci: misérabilisme. Et j'ai revu dans "Les matins infidèles" tout un passé cinématographique. Mais ici, l'oeuvre n'est pas achevée. On ne le dira jamais assez: une histoire, une histoire et encore une histoire. Sans fondation solide, tout projet est voué à l'échec même en présence de la puissante machine que déploie le cinéma.

Les personnages ne sont qu'esquissés et

manquent de substance. On voit où l'auteur aurait voulu nous amener, mais le conduit est trop mince pour véhiculer un sujet prometteur. Denis Bouchard atteint pourtant le seuil de la crédibilité avec les éléments dont il dispose bien sûr. Par contre, Jean Beaudry n'a pas le talent nécessaire pour tirer son épingle du jeu.

L'instant d'une scène, les deux compères en retrait dans un chalet, réussissent enfin à exprimer ce qui était latent, mais trop peu et trop tard.

Je regrette de ne pouvoir vous vanter ce film de Jean Beaudry et François Bouvier. Le chauvinisme n'a plus sa place.

Parisien, 480 Ste-Catherine Ouest.

AD infinitum

by Michael Kleinman, BCL II

Advertising is a funny business which raises all kinds of legal and ethical questions. It's amazing how low some people go in trying to win your business. Recently, I was doing my duty, putting in a couple of hours at our trusty clinic, when my eyes fell on a peculiar poster precariously pinned to the notice board. The headline blared, 'Legal Aid Reception'. "Golly," I thought as I leapt to my feet, grateful for the chance to wipe that pleasant, 'Come in, I can actually help you' look off my face. "Someone has finally thought of a real, true-blue party theme that doesn't involve shorts, Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses and beachballs!"

I began to salivate at the thought of the cocktail convo that would fill the air at this particular bash: "I handled a complicated, multi-issue landlord-tenant problem" (there's the buzz word). Something to do with the shower massage, dishwasher and whirlpool all malfunctioning at once. I mean, you could see my heart bleeding all over the

floor.

Lulled into a state of complaisance, given that, *inter alia*, the phone hadn't rung in over an hour, I read on, and was struck - no, stupefied, by the sales pitch: "Come in and meet a lawyer." Sounds incredible, no? Imagine meeting someone who graduated from law school and was sufficiently intrigued by the material to make it a pre-occupation! The next line was the clincher - the plum - the perk that no one could rightly refuse: "Talk about anything that free alcohol makes you talk about." Right. Attend the reception, meet a lawyer and lucidly discuss the provincial legal-aid system, emphytensis and Bill 146. Free alcohol, I suspect, tends to spark tales of sex, violence and weird automobile stunts. (Mind you, we're dealing with law students, here).

On behalf of the Clinic and the Directors Four, go. Meet a lawyer and talk about what free alcohol makes you talk about. October 11, 1989 at 5 p.m. in the Common Room. Be there. Not that I'm advertising...

Les civilistes

Vous avez peut-être remarqué quelques avis, autour de la faculté de droit, annonçant la première rencontre des civilistes. Qui sont ces gens-là? Non, ce n'est pas le nom d'une nouvelle équipe sportive et ce n'est pas non plus un nouveau groupe rock.

"Les Civilistes" consist of Law students who are interested in hearing more on topics of general interest and in exchanging ideas centered around the study of civil law.

La première rencontre des civilistes s'est déroulée il y a maintenant deux semaines et nous avons décidé d'organiser des rencontres avec des invité(e)s de marque, qui seront suivies d'un vin et fromage.

To give you an idea of the topics that will likely be the subject of future exposés, here is a brief list: la notion de patrimoine familial, le rôle de la Cour d'appel au Québec et le besoin d'une nouvelle Cour suprême, la révision du Code civil.

Si vous êtes intéressés à ce genre de
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Equality or not?

by Brian Cohen, LL.B. I

Having succeeded in electing four Equality members to Quebec City, the feeling of disenfranchisement among anglophones has turned to apprehension. What will these defenders of "English Quebec" say? Some of them will not be saying very much. Two of the Equality MNA's cannot speak French, and, as the *Gazette* editorialist warned, "The last thing English Quebec needs is to be represented in the National Assembly by people [perceived to be] a bunch of Lord Durhams" (Sept. 26).

The Equality party's gains are further soured for some by the knowledge that Westmount candidate was at one time a leading official of the federal Conservative Party. His biography does not sit well with those voters wishing to protest against the Bourassa-Mulroney axis and its offspring, the Meech Lake Accord. The Accord is seen as embodying the federal government's decentralist tendencies and acquiescence to the latent "nationaliste" agenda.

What was new about this election was not the feeling among some Quebec anglophones that their rights were being attacked. There have always been those who have refused to learn French, longing instead for the by-gone days of Dorchester Boulevard and the English dominance of the province's business affairs.

What was new was that the new generation of Quebec anglophones - bilingual, and committed to participating in a predominantly French society - felt threatened. Faced with the continuing exodus from Quebec of their children and colleagues (popularly known as the "101 or 401" syndrome), the community organized. Their message: English Quebecers are not Loyalist interlopers left over from colonial days. They want to be treated as an integral part of Quebec's social fabric.

For many disenchanted anglophone voters, the question at the ballot box was to choose the lesser of two evils: vote for

a "splinter" group, or hold your nose and vote Liberal again. Plusieurs se sont souvenus de la maxime: «Qui ne dit mot consent». Comme l'a signalé Pierre Vennat de *La Presse*: «Au lieu de demeurer chez eux, ou d'annuler leur vote, ils ont décidé d'appuyer un parti naissant...Il s'agit d'une victoire importante pour la démocratie.» (26 septembre).

Pour ce qui est de l'affirmation que les anglophones viennent de se marginaliser, c'est de la blague; les intérêts des anglophones étaient déjà très marginalisés. Quant au refrain si souvent répété par M. Bourassa, que l'avenir des anglophones se trouve au sein de son parti, c'est probablement vrai. Idéalement, la communauté anglophone préfère s'impliquer dans un parti rassemblant une grande proportion du vote populaire. Mais à chacun son dû, disent les électeurs anglophones à M. Bourassa et à ceux qui sont de mèche avec lui. Je prédis que le Parti Égalité durera aussi longtemps que le régime Bourassa.

Tuition Fee Hikes Affect You!

The Student Society of McGill University (SSMU) is holding a General Assembly on the issue of possible tuition fee increases. Present SSMU policy opposes any increase unless certain conditions are met. En vertu des indications du présent gouvernement provincial qu'un dégel des frais qui n'adresse point ces conditions est imminent, l'association considère la participation à une manifestation en concertation avec d'autres groupes étudiants. Cette participation sera à l'ordre du jour à l'assemblée générale. Voice your opinion, take part in the process of student policy formation, remember the Alamo!

The Assembly will take place on Wednesday, October 11, from 12 noon to 1:00 in the Union Ballroom.

Cameron Young
VP External/Affaires extérieures

Coin des Sports Corner

The fall intramural season is well under way, with heavy action from the law faculty. In baseball action, the Law Wrecks are undefeated in 3 games, thanks in part to the stellar fielding of K. Murphy, long ball courtesy of S. Henderson, and despite the timely lack of hitting by J. Neatby. The Regal Legals, inspired by the frenetic managerial skills of S. Michelin, won their only game so far in the bottom of the last inning. In Amazon football - rumored to be a full-contact league already - our Creatures are 2-2, with stars like A. Wheeler shining against such heartless beasts as "Pewter". The Kickbacks men's soccer team is holding up under stiff competition, with good goaltending from Smooty and defense from A. Lister. The Women's

Kickers, no 1-1, are a strong team, with good all-round power.

Bientôt nous aurons des résultats des nouvelles équipes, dont celles de hockey, basketball, et ballon-volley. C'est encourageant de voir tant de participation étudiante à l'intérieur de la faculté. J'espère retrouver cet esprit aux Jeux 'Ridiques au mois de janvier.

Until then, have fun, and make sure to go to our Welcome Back Law Party, Thursday, October 12 at the Union Ballroom. Even if you cannot see the Comedy Show, come after for the party from 10-2, featuring live music.

Salut, tout le monde. Brutus.

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Please contact: Maria Weinstein - 344-3887, or Irene Wolfe - 931-2749, or leave a note in the VP Common Box, LSA Office. Remember: Your Gain is Our Goal.

Two New Associations

On Wednesday October 11 at 12:00 in Room 201, there will be an information meeting for those interested in the initiation of an Environmental Law Association.

...and while you are in Room 201, at 12:30 the McGill International Law Society is having an information meeting for those interested in awakening this sleeping society.

Les 2 associations veulent déterminer le nombre d'étudiant(e)s intéressé(e)s et recevoir des suggestions en ce qui concerne les événements qu'elles pourraient organiser. Bienvenue à tous et à toutes.

If you love this planet: Unbreakable, environment-friendly QPIRG mugs are now available at cost from the LSA.

Visiting Professor Yoshio Ohara has moved from Room 212 at 3674 Peel to Room 301 at 3647 Peel (Prof. Buckley's Office, ext. 6640).

Aide juridique de McGill Legal Aid

Wanted: Legal Aid Director. Candidate: 3rd or 4th year student who has worked as clinic staff for one academic year. Applications available at the Clinic; submit by October 18th. For more information see Peter Golden.

Tour of the Palais de justice de Montréal. See a real trial in action and get a feel for the law in process. Le 19 octobre, rendez-vous time T.B.A.

Women in the Law

Women in the Law is pleased to announce the commencement of the second series of the Annie Macdonald Langstaff Workshop. On Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00, Ismeralda Thornhill will be speaking on "Black Women: The Nexus of Race and Gender". Ms. Thornhill, a lawyer and

human rights educator, is noted for her work with the Quebec Human Rights Commission and the Congress of Black Women of Canada. Some of her writings are available on reserve.

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likely that there would be a mass exodus. Therefore, before the USSR can change its emigration policy to escape such a fate, it must make living conditions in the USSR more desirable.

Unfortunately, the Soviets have failed to address the emigration issue properly. Some serious questions must be answered if the Soviets are to match the rhetoric of perestroika and glasnost with emigration law reform. For instance, what influence does emigration have on society? Would there be a mass exodus if the borders were opened? Historically, the purpose behind restricting emigration from the USSR involved controlling the masses. Does such a motive make sense given the restructuring policies now taking place?

With the emergence of a new attitude towards human rights, the door is open for Gorbachev and his reformers to show the world what impact new thinking can have. Gorbachev, speaking at the 19th Party Conference in July, called on the people to "seize the initiative" to influence change in society. As Soviet reporter Leonid Mlechin points out on the emigration issue: "While we are silent, nothing will change. While a wide range of rights and freedoms lie idle, there will be no progress and life in this country will never change for the better."

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discussions ou si vous pensez à d'autres sujets susceptibles de soulever l'intérêt, veuillez contacter l'une ou l'autre des personnes suivantes - Camille Arseneau BCL II, Julie Godin BCL III, Colin Chang BCL IV, Vincent Lesage BCL III, Marie Normandin BCL IV.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BATMAN

by D.A.Wallbridge, LL.B.III

Thug: Who are you man, who are you?
- I'm Batman.

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Vicki Vail: Which one of these guys is Bruce Wayne?

Bruce Wayne: I'm not sure.

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We live as we dream, alone, said Marlow in Heart of Darkness. So it is at Law School. The creative tension is between why you came to this place and what you are becoming. You were Bruce Wayne. Something bad - maybe something good - changed you. You came to Law School. You became Batman. You don the mask, the cape, the body armour. You go out there and face obligations or the common sort of law. You do it because you can. You are quietly heroic because you have to be: the guy next to you in Contracts keeps reminding you that he has a Ph.D. in philosophy. He loves Hegel and Kant. Up until last week you thought Hegel and Kant was an ice cream parlour chain, or possibly a small law firm in North Vancouver.

Confusion abounds...Are you Bruce Wayne? Why are you Batman? Wouldn't

it have been simpler to have been "Jesus of Montreal" or even that fat woman in "Bagdad Cafe"? You know, initially awkward, but nonetheless finally at home in Chancellor Day Hall.

And Vicki Vail...nowhere to be found.

Initially there's the sleepless nights. You're turning yourself upside down. You are swinging precariously on a wire. You tell yourself you're in third year now. Just do your job...The more things change, the more they stay the same. You are definitely Batman, and Batman, you are Bruce Wayne some of the time. Your vision isn't what it used to be, but by now you're a nocturnal animal anyway. You are batty, most of the time. It's morning. You drift off into a dream. In that dream you are in a cave. Vicki has just stepped out of the Batmobile. She can barely see because it is dark. You turn on the lights. Thousands of wings flutter, breaking the silence. "Bats", Vicki whispers softly. You find your voice suddenly: "they're great survivors..."

For now, Batman - Bruce Wayne, some of the time - the reason is survival.

Note: "Batman" will be playing at Thompson House the week of October 9.

LSA BOOKSTORE/LIBRAIRIE DE DROIT

by Marie Normandin, LSA Bookstore

La librairie de droit de l'Université McGill est au service des étudiant(e)s de droit depuis 1981.

The Bookstore has been able to sell books and casebooks at the lowest price in town because of the commitment of volunteers helping out in the good functioning of the operations of the bookstore.

Il est très important d'avoir une relève solide pour participer aux discussions qui pourraient mener au déménagement de la Librairie dans les nouveaux locaux de la Librairie générale de l'Université McGill (rue McTavish).

I don't have to remind you that such a

move would mean longer business hours but higher prices and longer line-ups.

Your interest in maintaining the Law Bookstore as you have known it must be translated into your involvement in its operations.

Les personnes intéressées à prendre la relève de la gérance de la Librairie peuvent soumettre leur C.V. avant le 18 octobre 1989.

The résumés of the persons interested in taking over the management of the Bookstore may be left, before October 18, in the Law Bookstore Box at the reception desk of the Law Faculty.

Il y aura une rencontre d'information pour ceux et celles qui le désirent, mercredi le 11 octobre à 13:00 à la salle 201.

Calendar of Events

October 1989

11 12:00 Moot Court
Annie Macdonald Langstaff Workshop

Esmeralda Thornhill (Quebec Human Rights

Commission, National President of Congress of Black Women of Canada): "Black Women: The Nexus of Race and Gender".

11 12h00 Room 201
Information Meeting - Environmental Law Association

11 12h00 Room 201
Information Meeting - McGill International Law Society

11 5h00 Room 202
Information Session: Graduate Studies/ Court Clerkships

12 12h00 Room 202
"Human Rights and Law Reform in the Soviet

Union", Prof. Irina Bogdanovskaya, co-sponsored by Institute of Comparative Law and InterAmicus

12 12h00
Sports Committee Meeting

13-14 Moot Court
Meredith Lectures, "Problèmes contemporains en droit immobilier"

19 TBA
Tour of Palais de justice de Montréal, organized by Legal Aid Clinic

Those interested in obtaining further information are invited to a meeting Wednesday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. in room 201.